



## Pickleball Bites

🍌 Open play hours are 6-9 am, through October.

🍌 Our Club year runs October-September. Be ready to renew your Club membership **October 1**.

🍌 The **2024-25 Club budget** will be emailed out in August for your review to be voted on at the **September 11** Club meeting.

🍌 When reserving the ball machine on **Hold My Court**, be sure to write "**lobster**" next to your name.

🍌 Scroll down to meet our new **Member At Large** board member, **Melanie Evans**.

🍌 Have items or pictures for this newsletter? Send them to [picklemianewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:picklemianewsletter@gmail.com).

*"Mistakes are the portals of discovery." James Joyce*

## Welcome to the *Drop In And Drill* Summer 2024 Recap Edition.

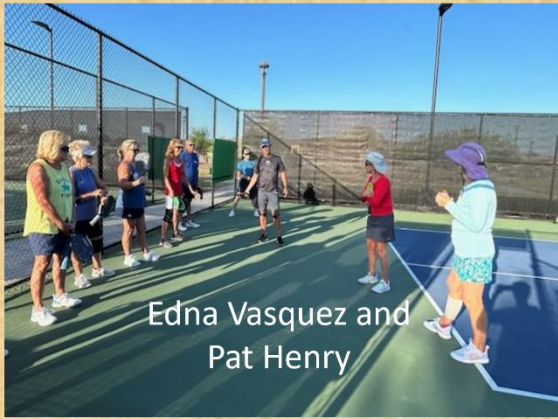
The summer session of the *Drop In And Drill* classes were a great success! There was an average of 12 players in attendance at each class. It was a one-hour commitment on the part of both volunteer instructors and participants; a weekly offering of no commitment to participate in another one. There were a variety of skills offered to drill, and an added bonus was the opportunity after each session to utilize the hour remaining of open play by staying on the courts and practicing the skills that were taught.

The Skills Committee will be offering an additional session this fall and spring 2025. A Saturday session will be added along with continuing the weekday session. Upcoming dates, times, and classes offered are yet to be determined. So, watch your email!

A huge thank you to the volunteer instructors who shared their time and skills: Edna Vasquez, Pat Henry, Dana Browning, Greg Cunningham, Dart Smith, Deb Olson, Ron Nunziata, Joe Thomas, Polly Mann, and special guest, Phil Whitten.



Lobbing Class



Edna Vasquez and  
Pat Henry



Lobster Class



Greg  
Cunningham



Ground Strokes Class



Dart Smith and  
Deb Olson



Playing at the Net



Dart Smith and  
Phil Whitten



Resets Class



Ron Nunziata  
and Joe Thomas



Polly Mann

## Meet Your New Member at Large – Melanie Evans



I was first introduced to pickleball over 20 years ago and thought it was the silliest game ever created and knew I'd never play it. Fast forward, now I go through withdrawals if I can't get on a court in a semiregular fashion!

As Northern California "expats", my husband, Roy and I, moved to CantaMia in 2020, but we've had family ties to the "Valley of the Sun" since the 90's with parents in Mesa (responsible for the above mentioned pickleball introduction) and our daughter, an ASU grad.

I definitely have big shoes to fill (I mean literally, have you seen BJ's shoes?), and I will do my best to live up to the dedicated job he's done for the Club. I look forward to seeing and officially meeting you all on the courts, our happy place!

Questions, comments, concerns for Mel: [melroyevans851@gmail.com](mailto:melroyevans851@gmail.com)



### From Our Club President

One of the many benefits of being a member of the CantaMia Pickleball Club is the ability to use the Lobster machine and the Pickleball Tutor machine. There is a simple and mandatory process which helps to maintain the security and longevity of the equipment by understanding how to operate both properly.

The process is as follows: log in to your account at [cmpickleball.com](http://cmpickleball.com); select menu; scroll down to Pickle-Ball Machines; then watch the videos created for operating the machines. Once this has been completed, send an email to [pickleballcantamia@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballcantamia@gmail.com) acknowledging that you have completed the review of all information. You will then be provided the code to gain access to the equipment. Reservations for the machines are done on *Hold My Court* by writing *Lobster* next to your name.

When using the machines, please keep in mind two things: 1. Do not share the code and 2. Should the machines malfunction, notify the Club secretary, Kaye Wilkerson, at [pickleballcantamia@gmail.com](mailto:pickleballcantamia@gmail.com) immediately so the machine(s) can be inspected and repaired. There have been instances of damage to the machines that have not been reported, as well as the machines being reserved by individuals who had not followed the correct process but rather obtained the access by *code sharing*. To protect the equipment, we will begin changing the code on the locks intermittently. Anyone on the list of approved members will be notified and provided with the new code whenever it has been changed.

Thank you for following the process. Your Board appreciates your cooperation!